

## CAC Members

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The in-person meeting will be held once again at 7:00 pm at **310 Court Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Clearwater.** I will need confirmation from those of you who will be attending in person, so that a quorum can be confirmed. If you confirm and cannot make it, please reach out to her so that a back-up can be found. Without a quorum, we cannot vote to allow participation by the Zoom attendees.

If you will be attending by Zoom, here is the Zoom meeting information:

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Time: January 27, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)  
AGENDA**

**January 27, 2022 – 7:00pm**

**310 Court Street, 1st Floor Conference Rm  
Clearwater, FL 33756**

**THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY**

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The actions of the CAC are guided by its vision of “*a community-driven, modern transportation system that is safe, provides equitable access, and efficient mobility options in support of a sustainable, healthy, livable, and economically vibrant region.*”

**FACE MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS** (7:00 - 7:15)
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (7:15 - 7:30)
3. **FORWARD PINELLAS ACTIONS** (7:30 - 7:35)
4. **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS** (7:35 – 7:45) –  
Presenter: Forward Pinellas Staff
5. **SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS** (7:45 – 8:05) – Presenter:  
Forward Pinellas Staff
6. **URBAN DESIGN SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM** (8:05 - 8:25) - Presenter: Forward  
Pinellas Staff
7. **MULTIMODAL ACCESSIBILITY INDEX KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SERIES (KES)**  
(8:25 – 8:45) – Presenter: Forward Pinellas Staff
8. **OTHER BUSINESS** (8:45 - 9:00)
  - A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update
  - B. Safe Streets Pinellas
  - C. TBARTA Update
  - D. Traffic Fatalities Map
  - E. Tentative Future Agenda Items
  - F. Member Interests/Discussion Topic
  - G. Public Comments
  - H. Upcoming Events
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

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**Citizens Advisory Committee – January 28, 2021**

**2. Approval of Meeting Summary**



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**SUMMARY**

The meeting summary for the December 10, 2020 CAC meeting is attached for review and approval.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** CAC Meeting Summary – December 10, 2020

**ACTION:** Approval of Meeting Summary

**PINELLAS COUNTY MPO  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2021**

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization met at 310 Court Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Clearwater, FL on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

|                              |  |
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| Tammy Vrana ( <i>Chair</i> ) | City of Oldsmar/Safety Harbor/Tarpon Springs |
| Gary Benjamin - Zoom         | At Large Representative                      |
| Erik Eifert - Zoom           | At Large Representative                      |
| Bob Henion                   | City of Dunedin                              |
| Brandon Huskins - Zoom       | City of St. Petersburg Guest                 |
| Duncan Kovar – Vice Chair    | At Large Representative                      |
| Gloria Lepik-Corrigan - Zoom | TRAC Representative                          |
| Karen Mullins                | City of Dunedin                              |
| Terri Novitsky               | Beaches Representative                       |
| Caron Schwartz               | City of Gulfport & Inland Communities        |
| Brian Scott                  | City of Pinellas Park/Mid-County             |
| Luis Serna                   | City of Clearwater                           |
| Anthony Stillo               | At Large Representative                      |
| George Thurlow - Zoom        | At Large Representative                      |
| Paul Wallace - Zoom          | City of Largo                                |

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

|                  |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Connie Bruce     | At Large Representative      |
| Dylan Carlson    | City of St. Petersburg       |
| Bill Jonson      | City of Clearwater           |
| Tracey Schofield | At Large Representative      |
| Kathy Smith      | At Large Representative      |
| Loretta Statsick | City of Largo Representative |

**OTHERS PRESENT**

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Jensen Hackett - Zoom  | FDOT – District 7      |
| Cheryl Stacks – Zoom   | City of St. Petersburg |
| Nousheen Rahman - Zoom | Forward Pinellas Staff |
| Chelsea Favero         | Forward Pinellas Staff |
| Robert Feigel          | Forward Pinellas Staff |
| Maria Kelly            | Forward Pinellas Staff |

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO FLAG/INTRODUCTIONS**

Tammy Vrana, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Attendees in the room introduced themselves. Due to no quorum being present at this time, action items were deferred until a physical quorum was present.

At 7:06, a quorum was met. Upon completion of the Equity Assessment item, Chair Vrana read a statement regarding extenuating circumstances and the allowance of committee members present to make a motion to allow those members participating by Zoom (all

names identified above) to participate and vote due to the fact that extenuating circumstances exist, making it impossible for some committee members to attend in person. A motion was made by Bob Henion that due to Covid-19, extenuating circumstances exist preventing members from joining in person. Therefore, CAC members will be allowed to participate and vote by phone since a quorum is represented in person. This was seconded by Karen Mullins and passed with a unanimous vote.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Brian Scott made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 28, 2021 meeting minutes with one correction, Duncan Kovar is now an At Large representative and Gloria Lepik-Corrigan is now the TRAC representative. This was seconded by Karen Mullins and passed with a unanimous vote.

## **3. FORWARD PINELLAS ACTIONS**

Rob Feigel, Forward Pinellas staff, reviewed the highlights of the Forward Pinellas Board meeting for November 10, 2021. The Forward Pinellas Board unanimously approved the Draft Tentative Work Program and sent a letter of comments requesting that FDOT advance funding for the SR580/Skinner Boulevard project, as well as the US 19 projects around the Curlew and Tampa Rd interchanges. The Board also unanimously approved the Fall Update for FY 2021/22 TIP. The Board received a presentation on the annual Countywide Trends and Conditions report future. Election of officers for the 2022 Executive Committee were approved and the Forward Pinellas Executive Committee will be: Mayor Cookie Kennedy, Chair; Commissioner Janet Long, Vice Chair; Commissioner Karen Seel, Secretary and Councilmember David Allbritton, Treasurer.

## **4. FY 2019/20 – FY 2023/24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Mr. Jensen Hackett, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) shared a presentation with the committee to review six amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Five of these projects are new, including new LED lighting, pedestrian crossings, and resurfacing. Amendment 2, FPN 447535, is for the addition of local funding as part of the advancement of the Skinner Blvd Complete Streets project. These amendments will not impact any other projects in the TIP:

1. **Amendment # 1 – FPN 443780-3**, US-19/SR-55 corridor from Gulf to Bay/SR-60 to N of Countryside Blvd: addition of \$306,583 to replace existing lighting with LED lighting.
2. **Amendment # 2 – FPN 447535-1**, SR 580/Skinner Blvd from Alt US 19/Broadway to Main St/Bass Blvd: advancement of the Urban Corridor Improvements (complete streets project) with the addition of \$475,000 of LF (local funds) and \$1,000 of DIH (design in-house) into the current year (FY22) and \$704,684 of GFSU (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations -CRSSA – funds) and \$125,000 of LF into FY23 for design. This amendment is necessary to bring the local fund contribution for the design of the project into FY22 and FY23.
3. **Amendment # 3 – FPN 449128-1**, Alt US-19/SR-595/5<sup>th</sup> Ave at 22nd St, 40th St, 46th St, and 55th St: addition of \$301,000 for the Preliminary Engineering of

pedestrian crossings at each location. Funding for this project is available through a federal grant.

4. **Amendment # 4-- FPN 449779-1**, SR 688 from W of I-275 to I-275: \$452,700 is being added to the TIP for resurfacing.
5. **Amendment # 5-- FPN 449780-1**, SR 688 from US 19 to 49<sup>th</sup> St N; \$2,028,500 is being added to the TIP for resurfacing.
6. **Amendment # 6-- FPN 449780-1**, SR 580 from E of Countryside Blvd to E of Muellers Ln: \$967,500 is being added to the TIP for resurfacing.

A motion was made by Bob Henion to recommend approval of the TIP amendments by the Forward Pinellas Board. This was seconded by Caron Schwartz and passed with a 14-1 vote.

## **5. COMPLETE STREETS APPLICATIONS**

Chelsea Favero, Forward Pinellas staff, shared a presentation with the committee regarding the applications received for the Complete Streets Grant Program, which is now in its sixth year. Forward Pinellas released a Call for Projects in the summer of 2021 with a submittal deadline in October 2021. This grant program provides annual allocations of up to \$100,000 for concept planning projects and up to \$1 million for construction projects.

Forward Pinellas received three applications for concept planning funding and two applications for construction funding. The applications received are:

- City of St. Pete Beach request for \$70,000 for the Downtown Redevelopment District Complete Streets Network Project.
- Pinellas County Housing and Development request for \$50,000 for the Whitney Road Complete Streets Planning Project.
- City of St. Petersburg request for \$100,000 for the Southern Skyway Marina District Complete Streets Concept Project.
- Pinellas County Public Works request for \$966,000 for the 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave North Complete Streets Construction Project.
- City of St. Petersburg request for \$1,000,000 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave South Complete Streets Project.

A subcommittee will be established with Forward Pinellas staff and agency stakeholders to review the applications and develop recommendations for funding. Following review and ranking of the applications by the subcommittee, recommended awards will be brought to the board for approval in early 2022. Forward Pinellas staff provided an overview of the applications received. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

## **6. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES APPLICATIONS**

Rob Feigel, Forward Pinellas staff, shared a presentation with the committee on the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Priorities. The call for projects was released in June 2021 with a submittal deadline in October 2021. Five applications for TA funding were received

and are listed below in random order:

TA applications received (listed in random order):

| <b>Project Sponsor</b> | <b>Project Location</b>  | <b>Project Description</b>                          | <b>Total Est. Cost</b> |
|------------------------|--|---|------------------------|
| St. Pete               | 6th St from Mirror Lake Drive to 4th Ave South   | 0.42 mile separated bike lane                       | \$1,980,940            |
| St. Pete               | 28th ST S from 5th Ave S to 18th Ave S   | 1 mile separated bike lane                          | \$1,994,942            |
| St Pete Beach          | Sunset Way, from Corey Ave to 67th Ave; and on Beach Plaza, from 71st Ave to 67th Ave        | 0.64 mile ADA compliant sidewalks and bike lanes    | \$689,823              |
| Pinellas County        | 46 <sup>th</sup> Ave/Duval Park Blvd/Main St/50 <sup>th</sup> Ave                            | 0.9 mile trail connecting to Joe's Creek in Lealman | \$500,000              |
| Pinellas County        | Russell Avenue/Russell Street from 58th Street North to the west and Alma Avenue to the east | 1,980 foot multiuse trail                           | \$300,000              |

Forward Pinellas staff will review the TA applications received and develop recommendations for funding based upon the scoring and ranking criteria approved by the Forward Pinellas Board. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

**7. FOLLOW-UP ON THE EQUITY ASSESSMENT AND DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY**

Nousheen Rahman, Forward Pinellas staff, shared a presentation with the committee on the Forward Pinellas Equity Assessment: Working Towards Creating and Equitable Pinellas. For the past year, Forward Pinellas has been conducting an equity assessment of agency operations and planning activities. This assessment is being conducted to recognize injustices to historically excluded racial minority communities, research historical and current systems, policies and practices, develop a mission which places a special priority in plans which are inclusionary and equitable and develop action to create an equitable Pinellas. The goal is to ensure the Forward Pinellas mission to “provide leadership to align resources and plans that help to achieve a compelling vision for Pinellas County, our individual communities and our region” is both inclusionary and equitable.

The evaluation included an external, internal and experiential analysis, using GIS, public survey tools and focus groups. The evaluation identified opportunities for improvement in Forward Pinellas plans and practices, as well as the external need for affordable housing, transportation options, a lack of well-paying jobs and challenges with accessing healthy food. Forward Pinellas has developed a series of draft actions to ensure that agency planning efforts are inclusive and result in equitable outcomes for the entire community. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.



**8. OVERVIEW OF THE CAC'S ROLE IN THE PLANNING PROCESS**

Mr. Feigel shared a presentation with the committee regarding the CAC's role in the planning process. The CAC is the primary means by which citizens provide input into the Transportation Planning Process, as an advisory committee to the MPO. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) merged in 2015, creating a countywide forum for transportation and land use planning for 25 local governments through the Countywide Plan Map and Rules and advisory to the Board of County Commissioners in their capacity as the Countywide Planning Authority.

Mr. Feigel provided an overview of the creation of the MPO and the PPC and the various responsibilities of each legal entity, as well as the responsibilities of both under the unified Forward Pinellas Board. The major work products of the agency that the CAC has responsibility to provide feedback on were also reviewed, along with the various timing cycles for each. A discussion ensued about the relationship between land use and transportation and the important role that the CAC plays in reviewing this nexus. Questions were taken and answered appropriately.

**9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

At this time, the floor was opened to nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2022. Bob Henion nominated Caron Schwartz as Chair. This was seconded by Tammy Vrana and passed with a unanimous vote. Tammy Vrana nominated Duncan Kovar to continue as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Caron Schwartz and passed with a unanimous vote. Both parties accepted the nominations.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Pinellas SPOTlight Emphasis Areas Update**

Chelsea Favero updated the committee on the SPOTLight. Regarding US19, the frontage road re-evaluation is still ongoing and FDOT plans to bring recommendations back before the Board in early 2022. Regarding Access to the Beaches, The Waterborne Transportation Subcommittee will be meeting again on December 17<sup>th</sup> to review waterborne transportation projects. The Gateway Master Plan is currently in the implementation phase. Forward Pinellas will phase this emphasis area out, while introducing a new emphasis area focusing on employment opportunity. Target Employment and Industrial Land Study (TEILS) will be led by Jared Austin of Forward Pinellas, and will evaluate industrial lands in Pinellas County, access issues and partnerships to get these lands ready for possible redevelopment.

Safe Streets Pinellas resolution was adopted by the Forward Pinellas Board, Treasure Island, St. Pete Beach and Largo. Dunedin will be adopting the ordinance in the coming months. Committee members were encouraged to talk with their City Council members and invite them to adopt this resolution as well.

**B. TBARTA Update**

Karen Mullins and Bob Henion reported on the last meeting which was scarcely attended.

**C. Traffic Fatalities Map**

A traffic fatalities map was included in the agenda packet.

**D. Tentative Future Agenda Items**

**E. Future Agenda Item Requests from Committee Members**

**F. Public Comments**

**G. Upcoming Events**

There will, be a workshop hosted by the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance, held at FDOT, to discuss the future of Rail Transit in Tampa Bay, specifically looking at the CSX corridor. The workshop will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 930 a.m. There is a link on the Forward Pinellas calendar to attend the meeting virtually.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

**Citizens Advisory Committee – January 27, 2022**

**3. Forward Pinellas Actions**



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**SUMMARY**

The January 12, 2022 Executive Summary is provided for your information. A staff member will summarize actions taken by the Forward Pinellas Board at these meetings.

**ATTACHMENT:** Executive Summary for January 12, 2022

**ACTION:** None Required, Informational Item

**THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY**

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The Forward Pinellas Board held this public meeting in person on January 12, 2022, at 1 p.m. in the Magnolia Room at the Pinellas County Cooperative Extension.

**The board unanimously approved amendments to the FY 21/22-25/26 Transportation Improvement Program**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is requesting that Forward Pinellas approve six amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Five of these projects are new, including new LED lighting, pedestrian crossings, and resurfacing. One amendment is for the addition of local funding as part of the advancement of the Skinner Blvd. Complete Streets project in the City of Dunedin. These amendments will not affect any other projects in the TIP.

- Mr. Whit Blanton requested clarification from FDOT on whether the resurfacing project on SR 688 from US 19 to 49<sup>th</sup> St. N. would include a remedy to the current bike lane that is inconsistent with the FDOT Design Manual. FDOT subsequently confirmed that the bicycle lanes on this segment would be widened to 7' to be consistent with the Florida Design Manual.

**The board recommended approval of three amendments to the Countywide Plan Map**

- The board recommended approval of the following amendments to the Countywide Plan Map:
  - An amendment from the City of St. Petersburg to amend the vacant property at the northwest corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street S. and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S. from Residential Medium and Multimodal Corridor to Residential High to allow for the development of multifamily residential units. (13-0)
    - Mr. Craig Taraszki and Mr. Mark Rios represented the applicant and provided clarification to questions from the board.
    - Commissioner Merz clarified with Mr. Taraszki that “non-residential amenities” could include a clubhouse, community garden, or other amenities that supported the residential dwellings.
    - Mayor Buljalski clarified with Mr. Rios that the highest building would be four stories and requested input from board members representing the City of St. Pete.
    - Councilmember Gabbard, Councilmember Driscoll, and Councilmember Floyd agreed that even with this height, the proposed amendment would be compatible with the surrounding community.

- An amendment from the City of Dunedin to amend the property at Keene Rd. and 1900 Virginia Ave. from Residential Low Medium and Preservation to Recreation/Open Space and Preservation to facilitate the use of the property as the Gladys E. Douglas Preserve. (13-0)
- An amendment from the City of Oldsmar to standards within their existing Activity Center (Town Center Redevelopment Plan) at the property South of Tampa Road and north of SR 580 to allow for a density/intensity bonus in the Town’s local Community Redevelopment District (CRD), specifically in the Town Center Commercial Residential (TCCR) zoning district. (13-0)
  - Oldsmar Mayor Eric Seidel spoke about the benefits and community support for this project and ensured that any developments would include significant public input.
  - Oldsmar City Manager Felicia Donnelly presented the intent of Oldsmar’s Downtown and redevelopment efforts.
  - Commissioner Eggers clarified with Ms. Donnelly that the amendment does not change the density of the area, currently allowing six stories, but rather provide an ability to place residential where only commercial is currently allowed, and filling a need for more housing.
  - Mayor Buljalski clarified that this property is in a Coastal High Hazard Area and requires strict standards.
  - Commissioner Merz clarified that “mixed-use” would include commercial units on the first floor and residential on higher floors.
  - Vince Albanese and Matt Clarke, Oldsmar residents, were in favor of this amendment and reiterated the incredible demand for housing.
  - Former Mayor of Oldsmar, Doug Bevis, also spoke in favor of this incentive bonus and amendment.

**PSTA staff provided an update on the SunRunner Rising Development Study**

As staff completes the SunRunner Rising Development Study, the consultant team requested comments from the Forward Pinellas Board on the station area buildout scenarios, the value capture analysis, and specific infrastructure improvements that will ensure robust multimodal connectivity to the SunRunner transit line. The final study results will come back to the board in the Spring of 2022 for approval.

**Whit Blanton provided an update on the Downtown St. Petersburg Mobility Study**

Through this joint effort between Forward Pinellas, the City of St. Petersburg, and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the focus of the Downtown St. Petersburg (DTSP) Mobility Study is to identify and evaluate project concepts and improvements to the transportation network including two-way street conversions, redesign or removal of the interstate spurs, transit, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements, and other safety and mobility enhancements. Forward Pinellas provided

an update on the comments provided after significant public and stakeholder outreach and will present the final Action Plan to the board in the next few months.

### **The board unanimously approved the Scope of Services for the Target Employment and Industrial Lands Study**

In an effort to retain and attract companies providing high-wage primary employment opportunities, known as target employers, Forward Pinellas has selected Renaissance Planning Group and SB Friedman Development Advisors to assist with the effort to update the existing Target Employment and Industrial Land Study.

- Commissioner Merz asked to pull this item from the Consent Agenda. He clarified with staff that the intent of the survey for target employers included in this scope will include regional, and possibly national employers in order to have a comprehensive assessment of the employment landscape and ensure Pinellas can retain and attract desired employers.
- Mayor Buljalski requested staff also include information about how remote work will impact these companies' needs.

**The board welcomed new Board Members, including City of St. Petersburg Councilmember Gina Driscoll, representing PSTA and Councilmember Richie Floyd, who's appointment was pending City Council approval the day after the meeting. They also recognized the excellent work of former board members, City of St. Petersburg Councilmember Darden Rice, who served as the 2021 Forward Pinellas Chair, and Pinellas County Commissioner Pat Gerard.**

**The board unanimously supported putting together an informational piece on SB 962 and HB 981 and gather more information from our delegation to proactively address this bill.**

### **SPOTlight Updates**

- Staff is currently developing a scope for the Investment Corridor Transition Plan for Alt. US 19. More information will be provided at the March Board Meeting.
- The City of Clearwater told Forward Pinellas and FDOT to do no further work on the proposed Clearwater Memorial Causeway Busway to preserve the existing median landscaping along the causeway and close the contract. This will return the state funding allocated for the project.
- Over the next month, Forward Pinellas staff will hold individual meetings with committee members to discuss the Waterborne Transportation Policy in an effort to answer questions and find consensus.
- Forward Pinellas is currently planning the Gulf Blvd. Safety Study in St. Pete Beach and Treasure Island.
- Forward Pinellas, in collaboration with FDOT, Pinellas County, and the City of Dunedin, have decided to install a full traffic signal as a temporary safety solution at the SR 580/Skinner Blvd and Pinellas Trail Crossing.

### **Other Items**

- The Clearwater Multimodal Transit Center is a significant priority for PSTA and CEO Brad Miller ensures they will continue to search for funding. PSTA announced the purchase of 60 electric buses over the next five years. PSTA is allowing students and faculty to ride for free. Staff continues to explore waterborne transportation options. This Spring Break, PSTA will collaborate with Clearwater for a free Park-and-Ride.
- TBARTA is supporting the Pinellas Aerial Gondola Feasibility Study, the US 19 Regional Rapid Transit Feasibility Study, and the Regional Mobility-On-Demand Feasibility Study. In addition, the Sun Coast Transportation Planning Alliance (SCTPA) and Transportation Management Area Leadership Group (TMA) directed TBARTA to lead a feasibility study and financial analysis for possible CSX rail projects.
- On December 10, 2021, transportation leaders from the SCTPA and TMA held a joint meeting with FDOT to discuss the future of passenger rail in the Tampa Bay region. View more information in this blog: <https://forwardpinellas.org/blog/directors-blog/next-steps-for-passenger-rail-in-florida-and-tampa-bay/>
- Forward Pinellas board members are invited to attend legislative days in Tallahassee on February 1-2, 2022.
- Six local governments have adopted the Safe Streets Pinellas Action Plan. Forward Pinellas encourages all remaining governments to adopt the resolution and commit to zero deaths and serious injuries on our Pinellas roadways by 2045.
- Future Board Meetings will be held in the Palm Room in downtown Clearwater.

## Action Sheet

**January 12, 2022**

At its January meeting, the Forward Pinellas Board took the following official actions:

- **Consent Agenda** (vote: 11-0)  
Approved to include the following:
  - A. Approval of Minutes of the November 10, 2021 Meeting
  - B. Approval of Committee Appointments
  - C. Authorization to Distribute Annual Report
  - D. Approval of Scope of Services and Interlocal Agreement for Urban Design Services Pilot Program
  - E. Approval of Scope of Services for Target Employment & Industrial Land Study Update
  - F. Approval of the Scope and Fee for the Forward Pinellas Geofencing Pilot Project
  - G. Approval of Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

**Item 5E of the Consent Agenda was pulled to be discussed and handled independently.** Ultimately it was approved. (vote: 11-0)

- **Approval of Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**  
Following a presentation by Jensen Hackett, FDOT, the board, in its role as the metropolitan planning organization, approved the amendments to the TIP as outlined. (roll call vote: 11-0)
  
- **Countywide Plan Map Amendment(s)**  
Three cases were approved:
  1. CW 22-01 – City of St. Petersburg (vote: 11-0)
  2. CW 22-02 – City of Dunedin (vote: 11-0)
  3. CW 21-14 – City of Oldsmar (vote: 11-0)
  
- **Forward Pinellas Legislative Committee Update**  
Following an update by the Executive Director, the board voted in favor of the Executive Director writing a letter in response to SB 962 and HB 981 concerning Industrial Land regulations that would significantly expand preemption by the state. (vote: 9-0; Commissioner Eggers had left the meeting and Commissioner Long had stepped out)



**Citizens Advisory Committee – January 27, 2022**

**4. Proposed Modification to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

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**SUMMARY**

Forward Pinellas receives federal & state grant funds through FDOT on a two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) cycle that is reflected within Section 3 of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). There is a place holder dollar amount in the UPWP for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5305 grant funds until the final allocations are calculated.

The federal government released the final calculations for FY22 FTA 5305 funds based on 2020 population, 2019 revenue miles and 2019 passenger trips, and there was a resulting decrease in federal funds to the state of Florida. Additionally, the Florida Department of Transportation announced that its match will be a 20% soft match instead of a 10% hard match, which also removes the need for a 10% local match and results in a decrease of cash shown in the tables.

The net impact on the Forward Pinellas budget is a reduction in cash available for transit activities by about \$145,332 for FY22. These changes to the UPWP were approved by the board at the January 2022 meeting and the currently adopted TIP (FY21/22-FY25/26) must be modified to reflect these changes.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- Existing and Modified Transportation Improvement Program Tables
- FDOT Toll Revenue Credit Information Sheet

**ACTION:** Recommendation to the Forward Pinellas board to approve the modification to the FY21/22-FY25/26 TIP.

**Before**

| Fund  | <2022            | 2022           | 2023           | 2024           | 2025           | 2026           | >2026    | All Years         |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|-------------------|
| Item Number: 402514 1 Project Description: PINELLAS COUNTY MPO TRANSIT PLANNING SECTION 5305*NON-SIS* |                  |                |                |                |                |                |          |                   |
| District: 07 County: PINELLAS Type of Work: PTO STUDIES Project Length: .000                          |                  |                |                |                |                |                |          |                   |
| Extra Description: SECTION 5305 MPO TRANSPORTATION PLANNING   |                  |                |                |                |                |                |          |                   |
| <b>PLANNING / MANAGED BY PINELLAS COUNTY MPO</b>  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |          |                   |
| DDR -DISTRICT DEDICATED REVENUE   | 448,244          | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0        | 448,244           |
| DPTO -STATE - PTO   | 273,563          | 60,391         | 62,202         | 64,068         | 65,990         | 67,970         | 0        | 594,184           |
| DS -STATE PRIMARY HIGHWAYS & PTO  | 99,439           | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0        | 99,439            |
| DU -STATE PRIMARY/FEDERAL REIMB   | 7,039,039        | 483,124        | 497,617        | 512,546        | 527,922        | 543,760        | 0        | 9,604,008         |
| LF -LOCAL FUNDS   | 821,252          | 60,390         | 62,202         | 64,068         | 65,990         | 67,970         | 0        | 1,141,872         |
| <b>Item 402514 1 Totals:</b>  | <b>8,681,537</b> | <b>603,905</b> | <b>622,021</b> | <b>640,682</b> | <b>659,902</b> | <b>679,700</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>11,887,747</b> |
| <b>Project Total:</b>   | <b>8,681,537</b> | <b>603,905</b> | <b>622,021</b> | <b>640,682</b> | <b>659,902</b> | <b>679,700</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>11,887,747</b> |

**After**

| Fund   | <2022            | 2022           | 2023           | 2024           | 2025           | 2026           | >2026    | All Years         |
|--|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|-------------------|
| <b>AMENDED</b> Item Number: 402514 1 Project Description: PINELLAS COUNTY MPO TRANSIT PLANNING SECTION 5305*NON-SIS* |                  |                |                |                |                |                |          |                   |
| District: 07 County: PINELLAS Type of Work: PTO STUDIES Project Length: .000   |                  |                |                |                |                |                |          |                   |
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| DPTO -STATE - PTO  | 273,563          | 0              | 62,202         | 64,068         | 65,990         | 67,970         | 0        | 533,793           |
| DS -STATE PRIMARY HIGHWAYS & PTO   | 99,439           | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0        | 99,439            |
| DU -STATE PRIMARY/FEDERAL REIMB  | 7,039,039        | 458,593        | 497,617        | 512,546        | 527,922        | 543,760        | 0        | 9,579,477         |
| LF -LOCAL FUNDS  | 821,252          | 0              | 62,202         | 64,068         | 65,990         | 67,970         | 0        | 1,081,482         |
| <b>Item 402514 1 Totals:</b>   | <b>8,681,537</b> | <b>458,593</b> | <b>622,021</b> | <b>640,682</b> | <b>659,902</b> | <b>679,700</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>11,742,435</b> |
| <b>Project Total:</b>  | <b>8,681,537</b> | <b>458,593</b> | <b>622,021</b> | <b>640,682</b> | <b>659,902</b> | <b>679,700</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>11,742,435</b> |



# What is a toll credit?

Toll credits reward states that spend their toll revenue on projects that would otherwise require federal-aid support. States and metropolitan planning organizations are eligible to earn credits based on the amount of toll revenue used by the toll authority for building, improving, or maintaining highways, bridges, or tunnels that serve interstate commerce.



## HOW TOLL CREDITS WORK

TOLL REVENUE COLLECTED

TOLL REVENUE REINVESTED

TOLL CREDIT EARNED

TOLL CREDIT USED

## WHERE TOLL CREDITS ARE USED

Toll credits do not generate new money! Instead, they can be used as a “soft match” substitute for the non-federal share of most highway and public transportation projects, reducing the burden on states and freeing funding for other transportation projects.

LOCAL



INTERSTATE



TRANSIT



## U.S. TOLL CREDIT BALANCES

30  
OUT OF  
52

states (includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) with toll credit balances

58%

**\$29,472,521,770**

Total approximate balance nationwide\*



\*As of the end of Federal Fiscal Year 2020



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**SUMMARY**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires a performance-based, outcome-driven planning process for developing transportation projects and monitoring infrastructure performance. States and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) must adopt targets for defined performance measures, including safety targets, and demonstrate progress towards achieving those targets on an annual basis. The implementation of projects identified in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is central to the effort necessary to meet defined targets.

In February 2021, the board adopted a series of targets for each of the safety-related performance measures, each slightly aspirational in nature, while maintaining the target set the year before to ensure continuity in tracking progress. MPOs are required to review these targets on an annual basis to evaluate progress towards meeting each one. Crash data statistics for 2020 have been provided by the state and Forward Pinellas staff has evaluated the data and has determined that there is a downward trend in the number of serious injury and bicycle/pedestrian crashes, but there was an increase in fatal crashes. Given that there is still progress to be made toward achieving the targets set last year, staff is recommending that the targets remain the same for the coming year. Staff will provide an overview of the Safety Performance Measures and the progress being made towards the achievement of each target.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Safety Performance Measures and Targets

**ACTION:** Recommend board approval of Safety Performance Targets

Table 1: Comparison of 2016-2020 Average Performance Measures to 2020 Targets

| Performance Measures  | 2016-2020 Numbers | 2020 Targets | % diff between 2016-2020 actual and target |
|---|-------------------|--------------|--|
| Average Annual Fatalities   | 117.8             | 97.40        | +20.9%                                     |
| Average Annual Serious Injuries   | 935.8             | 895.14       | +4.54%                                     |
| Average Annual Fatality Rates   | 1.406             | 1.18         | +19.15%                                    |
| Average Annual Serious Injury Rates                                     | 11.163            | 10.55        | +5.81%                                     |
| Average Annual Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities and Serious Injuries | 207.2             | 206.60       | +0.29%                                     |

Table 2: Percent Change of 2016-2020 Performance Measures from Previous Years

| Performance Measures  | % change from 2015-2019 average | % change from 2010-2014 average |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Average Annual Fatalities   | +0.9%                           | +16.2%                          |
| Average Annual Serious Injuries   | -8.1%                           | -23.2%                          |
| Average Annual Fatality Rates   | +2.1%                           | +10.5%                          |
| Average Annual Serious Injury Rates                                     | -7.3%                           | -26.8%                          |
| Average Annual Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities and Serious Injuries | -3.8%                           | +3.5%                           |

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**SUMMARY**

Forward Pinellas and Pinellas County’s Department of Housing & Community Development have partnered to develop an Urban Design Services Pilot Program for 2022-2023. The purpose of urban design is to make connections between people and places through both the human-made and natural factors in an environment. Urban design processes can enhance the design of buildings, streets, and landscapes, to name a few examples. An urban design services program such as this provides an opportunity for residents to shape proposed development or redevelopment projects in a community.

The program will be free to local governments interested in using these services. This pilot program aims to improve the quality of new development by using various urban design tools which engage city staff, developers, and community members in decisions about the built environment. As Pinellas County is largely redeveloping, a major goal of the program is to help communities with the unique challenge of enhancing its aesthetics, while simultaneously maintaining the character of these communities, which is often an important priority of its residents.

Both Forward Pinellas and the Department of Housing & Community Development have designated a staff member as a point of contact for the program. Furthermore, Forward Pinellas has selected S&ME to serve as the consultant for the pilot program. Per an established interlocal agreement between both parties, Forward Pinellas and Pinellas County will jointly fund this pilot program and will review and approve potential projects for this pilot program collaboratively.

The pilot program consists of three components:

1. Work with developers to provide urban design guidance to meet the intent of adopted regulations
2. Work with community/neighborhood groups and developers to host charettes/studios to visualize change and develop a common understanding for potential projects
3. Evaluate and/or advise on proposed form-based code regulations.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Urban Design Services Pilot Program – Project Overview

**ACTION:** None required; information item only

Forward Pinellas and Pinellas County’s Department of Housing & Community Development have partnered to develop an Urban Design Services Pilot Program for 2022-2023. The program is free to local governments and is intended to improve the quality of new development by using various urban design tools to engage with city staff, developers, and community members in decisions about the built environment.

Pinellas County is largely a redevelopment community, and with redevelopment comes the opportunity to use the development review and regulatory process to ensure that the character of neighborhoods and communities is enhanced.

This program is the first of its kind in Pinellas County, and aims to provide a suite of urban design services to interested communities in order to realize local goals and objectives. Improving architectural and design qualities of buildings, developing codes and standards that strengthen neighborhood character, and enhancing the pedestrian environment and public realm are all possible while involving community members through the development process.



Image Source: Downtown Palm Harbor Form-Based Code

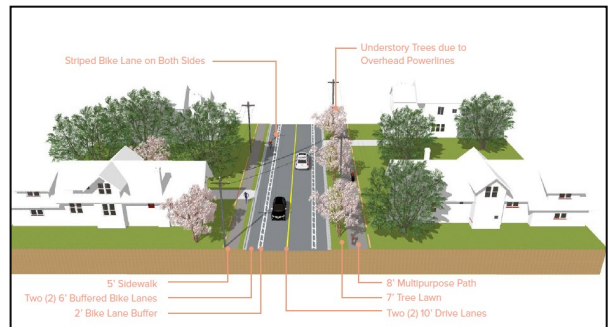


Image Sources: S&ME; project visualization examples

The pilot program has three components:

- Work with developers to provide urban design guidance to meet the intent of adopted regulations (e.g. form-based code, comprehensive plan policies, land development regulations)
- Work with community/neighborhood groups and developers to host charettes/studios to visualize change and develop a common understanding for potential redevelopment projects
- Evaluate and/or advise on proposed form-based regulations

To learn more about the program, or if your community has a project that could benefit from these urban design services, please contact:

Nousheen Rahman, Planning Analyst  
 nrahman@forwardpinellas.org  
 727-464-5679

Forward Pinellas has selected S&ME to serve as the consultant for this pilot program. This firm has a team of designers, planners, and landscape architects who are experienced in urban design and provide similar services to other communities in Florida.

## **SUMMARY**

In its role as the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC), Forward Pinellas evaluates proposed amendments to the Countywide Plan Map on a monthly basis. One of the key criteria for the approval of these proposed map amendments is that they meet the transportation standard outlined by the Countywide Rules. This standard focuses on the potential impacts of proposed future land use map category changes on the existing level of service (LOS) of adjacent roadways. In addition, most local governments consider the existing roadway LOS when planning for new transportation investments. Due to the limitations of using a roadway performance measure that is focused on automobile travel, Forward Pinellas has worked over the past several months to develop a new methodology referred to as the Forward Pinellas Multimodal Accessibility or “MAX” Index. This approach considers various multimodal performance criteria beyond vehicular travel conditions and is more appropriate for an urban, redeveloping county. This new index is intended to replace the traditional roadway LOS standard as the primary means of evaluating transportation impacts of proposed Countywide Plan Map amendments.

In early 2021, Forward Pinellas formed a subcommittee of land use and transportation planners to help develop and review the methodology incorporated in the MAX Index. After the methodology was developed in consultation with the subcommittee, and with consultant support from Renaissance Planning Group, Forward Pinellas provided an overview of the index to several local government planning directors and staff. These conversations provided valuable thoughts, insights, and feedback and will be used to modify the index to better meet local needs as well as develop comprehensive balancing criteria for map amendments that do not meet the scoring threshold.

Forward Pinellas staff will provide an overview of the MAX Index and answer questions from subcommittee members.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None required; informational item only



**A. SPOTlight Pinellas Emphasis Areas Update**

Forward Pinellas staff will provide an update on the SPOTLight Emphasis Areas.

**B. Safe Streets Pinellas Update**

Forward Pinellas staff will provide an update on Safe Streets Pinellas.

**C. TBARTA Update**

A summary of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority’s Citizen Advisory Committee meeting(s), if any, will be provided at this time.

**D. Traffic Fatalities Map**

Forward Pinellas staff is providing the updated Traffic Fatalities Map each month.

**ATTACHMENT:** Traffic Fatalities Map

**E. Tentative Future Agenda Items**

- TIP Amendment(s), if any
- 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project Development & Environment Study (PD&E)
- Transit Oriented Development presentation (Sunrunner Rising)
- Downtown St. Pete Mobility Study Update
- Target Employment and Industrial Land Study (TEILS)
- Pasco County Public Transportation Rebranding as GOPASCO

**F. Member Interests/Discussion Topics**

No topics noted at this time

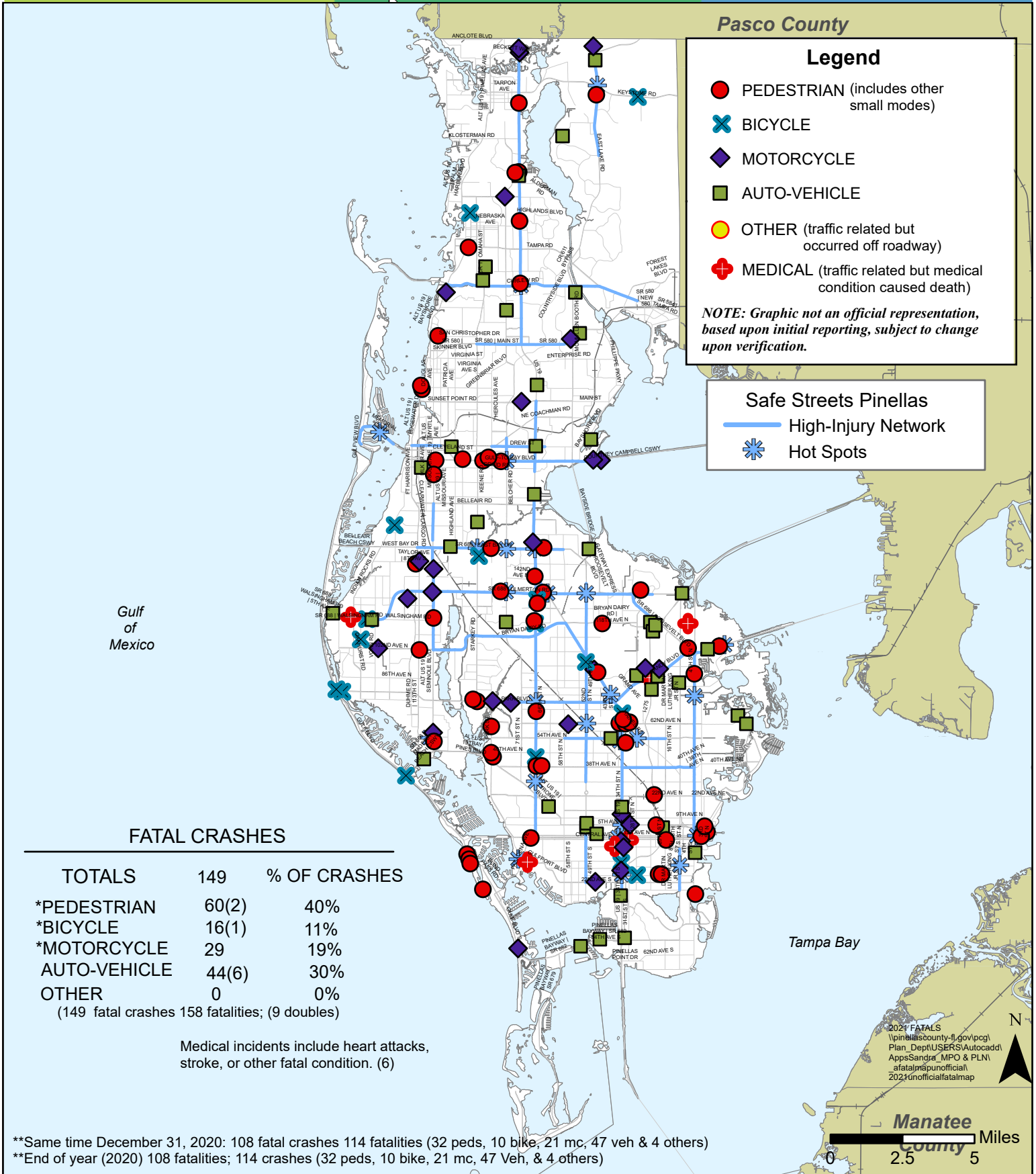
**G. Public Comments**

Comments are limited to three minutes per person and should not require presentations or extensive discussion.

**H. Upcoming Events**

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|--------------------------------|--|
| Mar 24 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2022 | CAC Orientation for new members and refresher for current members at 6:00 pm |
|--------------------------------|--|

# Locations of Reported Traffic Fatalities



**Pasco County**

**Legend**

- PEDESTRIAN (includes other small modes)
- × BICYCLE
- ◆ MOTORCYCLE
- AUTO-VEHICLE
- OTHER (traffic related but occurred off roadway)
- + MEDICAL (traffic related but medical condition caused death)

*NOTE: Graphic not an official representation, based upon initial reporting, subject to change upon verification.*

**Safe Streets Pinellas**

- High-Injury Network
- ★ Hot Spots

**FATAL CRASHES**

| TOTALS       | 149   | % OF CRASHES |
|--------------|-------|--------------|
| *PEDESTRIAN  | 60(2) | 40%          |
| *BICYCLE     | 16(1) | 11%          |
| *MOTORCYCLE  | 29    | 19%          |
| AUTO-VEHICLE | 44(6) | 30%          |
| OTHER        | 0     | 0%           |

(149 fatal crashes 158 fatalities; (9 doubles)

Medical incidents include heart attacks, stroke, or other fatal condition. (6)

\*\*Same time December 31, 2020: 108 fatal crashes 114 fatalities (32 peds, 10 bike, 21 mc, 47 veh & 4 others)  
 \*\*End of year (2020) 108 fatalities; 114 crashes (32 peds, 10 bike, 21 mc, 47 Veh, & 4 others)

2021 FATALS  
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# COMMITTEES MEETING SCHEDULE 2022

| PAC (Planners Advisory Committee)<br>1:30 pm | CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee)<br>7:00 pm | TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee)<br>2:00 pm | BPAC (Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee)<br>8:30 am | LCB (Local Coordinating Board)<br>9:15 am | STSC (School Transportation Safety Committee)<br>9:00 am | PTSTF (Pinellas Trail Security Task Force) at the Pinellas County Public Safety Services Office - 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Rm 130) 9:00 am |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| 01/03/2022                                   | <b>01/27/2022</b>                            | 01/26/2022  | (4 <sup>th</sup> Mon)<br>01/24/2022                     | -----                                     | -----  | 01/11/2022<br>Meeting Room 130  |
| 01/31/2022                                   | <b>02/24/2022</b>                            | 02/23/2022  | (4 <sup>th</sup> Mon)<br>02/28/2022                     | 02/15/2022                                | -----  | -----   |
| 03/07/2022                                   | <b>03/24/2022</b>                            | 03/23/2022  | 03/21/2022  | -----                                     | 03/02/2022   | -----   |
| 04/04/2022                                   | <b>04/28/2022</b>                            | 04/27/2022  | 04/18/2022  | -----                                     | -----  | 04/12/2022<br>Meeting Room 130  |
| 05/02/2022                                   | <b>05/26/2022</b>                            | 05/25/2022  | 05/16/2022  | 05/17/2022                                | -----  | -----   |
| 05/31/2022 -<br>Tuesday                      | <b>*06/23/2022</b>                           | 06/22/2022  | 06/20/2022  | -----                                     | 06/01/2022   | -----   |
| 07/05/2022 -<br>Tuesday                      | <b>*07/28/2022</b>                           | *07/27/2022                                       | *07/18/2022   | -----                                     | -----  | 07/12/2022<br>Meeting Room 130  |
| *08/01/2022                                  | <b>08/25/2022</b>                            | 08/24/2022  | 08/15/2022  | -----                                     | -----  | -----   |
| 09/06/2022-<br>Tuesday                       | <b>09/22/2022</b>                            | 09/28/2022  | 09/19/2022  | 09/20/2022                                | -----  | -----   |
| 10/03/2022                                   | <b>10/27/2022</b>                            | 10/26/2022  | 10/17/2022  | -----                                     | 10/05/2022   | 10/11/2022<br>Meeting Room 130  |
| 10/31/2022                                   | <b>Nov/Dec<br/>Combined</b>                  | Nov/Dec<br>Combined                               | 11/21/2022  | 11/15/2022                                | -----  | -----   |
| *11/28/2022                                  | <b>12/08/2022</b>                            | 12/07/2022  | *12/19/2022   | -----                                     | -----  | -----   |

(These dates are subject to change)

\*Meeting Subject to Cancellation